

Ezekiel 33:30 As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to his brother, “Come, and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.” 31 And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain. 33:32 And behold, you are to them like one who sings lustful songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it.

John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Some questions that Paul did not ask the Galatians, but that I think would have been appropriate to ask even the false teachers – would be...

- How many people do you know that you could identify as having been justified by good works?
- In fact, how many laws would a person be required to keep in order to be declared justified in the eyes of God?
- How good would a man have to be to be good enough to be on the same plane of righteousness as Christ?
- Could a man ever know when he had done enough so the he would **know** that he was saved?”

The Bible makes it very clear that those who understand that they have been redeemed by the mercy and the grace of God **can know** that they are saved.

1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

Rom. 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Col. 2:6 ...just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.

Phil. 1:6 I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

“Christians do not work to get saved or to keep themselves saved, but they work because they are saved.” (Jack Arnold)

Gal. 3.3 from *The Message*: Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren’t smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it?

Characteristics of saved people (Hebrews 6):

- Experienced enlightenment

Eph 1:18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Psalm 19:8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

- Tasted of the heavenly gift

John 4:10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

- Partakers of the Holy Spirit

Acts 15:8 God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them (the non-Jewish members of the household of Cornelius), by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us.

2 Cor. 1:22 (God) set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as an earnest (a deposit), guaranteeing what is to come.

- Tasted the good word of God

Psalms 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalms 19:10 (The laws of the Lord) are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the honeycomb.

- Tasted of the powers of the world to come

Isaiah 2:2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

Rom 10:13 ...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. 14 But how can they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? 17 So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.

GALATIANS PART 8

GAL. 3.1-5

Gal. 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Paul wants them to remember that...

- The gospel is not good advice to men, but good news about Christ.
- It is not an appeal for men to do something, but a declaration of what God has already done in Christ.
- It is not a demand but an offer of salvation to all who are called by God to receive it.

While He was on earth Jesus gave clear warning of the deceptive practices of Satan...

John 8:44 He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

2 Cor. 11:3 ...I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Gal. 3.1b For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. (NLT)